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In Dave Brain the Cardinals have an all-around player whose capacity to cover any infield or outfield position, with the possible exception of first base, makes him one of the most valuable players in the National League.

Nominally Brain is a shortstop, but in reality he is a third baseman, and a "cracker jack" at the position.

But Brain is versatile, and can play second base almost as well as he can third or short. Still this is not all. When the Cardinals are shy an outfielder Dave is pressed into service, and few men in the League have anything on Dave in chasing flies in the outer works.

Brain is a sure catch. Although he took part in many games as an outfielder, not an error has yet been charged to him in that capacity.

His ability to bat is also an asset that makes him a favorite with the fans and players.

He is not hitting within twenty points of the 300 mark, but his batting is of such a character that he is more valuable as a hitter than many players who bat above the 300 mark year in and year out.

BRAIN A TIMELY HITTER.
A few of Brain's batting feats during the Cardinals recent series at League Park against the Eastern team will show just why Brain is considered more valuable than many 300 hitters.

On August 22 against Brooklyn he made a home run in the third inning that started Curran skyward and did much to give to St. Louis a one-sided victory over the Eastern team.

In the second game of a double-header against Boston on August 23, Brain smashed out three of the Cardinals' eight hits, his second single giving to St. Louis the run that tied the score, and kept St. Louis from losing.

On August 25, against Boston Brain's single sent the only Cardinal runner that scored in that game over the plate.

In a game against the Phillies on August 26 Brain hit Corridor safely four times, one of his raps was for three bases and sent the only two Cardinals that reached the promised land across the river.

Against the same team on August 27, Brain bled out another triple, which scored Shannon and Beckley and practically won the game for St. Louis.

This record shows just why many ball players consider Dave Brain one of the best players in the National League.

Strangely enough, Brain is perhaps the only native-born Englishman playing baseball in either major league at the present time.

ONLY ENGLISHMAN IN GAME.

Dave was born in Gloucestershire, England, about twenty-five years ago. While a mere child he came over with his family

to the United States. After a short residence in Kansas City, he removed to Chicago, which has been his home for more than a decade and a half.

As a rule, Englishmen do not care for baseball, but Brain proved an exception to the rule.

He took to the sport like a duck to water. As a boy he played with some of the best-known amateur teams around Chicago. When he was 15 years old he became a member of the Spaulding, the then champion amateur team of Chicago.

Dave was a sensational player from the start, and he was allowed to tarry in amateur ranks less than a year, for the Des Moines team landed him at the close of 1899. During 1900 he played with Des Moines, and at the beginning of the following year was secured by Comiskey to play with the Chicago White Sox. He was let go to St. Paul, where he played with

Lebanon's team. At the end of the season of 1901 Brain was secured by Buffalo and played with the Bisons during 1902.

Brain played a sensational game with Buffalo and the Bisons bought him for \$10,000. The price paid was not made public, but it was understood that Dave was to receive one-half of the purchase price as a bonus.

Stalling of Buffalo, when it came his turn to pay, refused to give up, and the affected Brain's playing last year.

Brain tried to get Donovan to intercede with the Buffalo club for him, but he refused, and this caused an ill feeling between the pair, which affected Brain's playing and brought about a revolution in the ranks of the team, which made the Cardinals a joke and finally resulted in the extraction of Donovan by his private.

FEEL WITH DONOVAN.
The ill feeling caused Donovan to resign.

The Robinsons, it is understood, have taken up Brain's fight with the Buffalo club, and will endeavor to secure the amount due to him.

At the beginning of this season Brain was reconciled, and today there is no more enthusiastic worker in Camp Cardinal.

Strangely enough Brain began as a catcher. Later he played as a first baseman, and today he is an infielder, and in this department of the game he has few superiors.

Brain is extremely fast on his feet. He also has a good arm and can cover ground to his right or left with equal facility.

Personally Brain is one of the finest characters in baseball. He is a gentleman in every sense of the word. He is friendly, common among ball players, is foreign to him. He uses excellent English in conversation, is well read, and can converse fluently on a wonderful range of subjects.

KNOWING FOREIGN TO HIM.

And there is none of the knocker in Brain. He has not the hall, so common among players, of being afraid of the "big men" of the game. He is a fighter, and he has the heart of a lion.

None has ever heard him say, "Yes, he's all right but—" If Brain has nothing good to say about a player he holds him up.

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BERGER FIRST AMATEUR TO ARRIVE FOR COMPETITION IN TOURNEYS OF SEASON



SAM BERGER.
Amateur boxer of San Francisco.

San Francisco Heavy Weight, Accompanied by George Finnigan. Here to Compete in Boxing Matches for the Amateur Contingent—General Fight Notes.

First to arrive among the amateur boxing contingent, which will be seen locally this month, is Sam Berger, the heavy-weight champion of the Pacific Coast, and representative of the Olympic Club of San Francisco.

Accompanying him is George Finnigan, the 165-pounder, from the same institution, both boys being in the charge of Professor Van Court, boxing instructor of the institution. The Olympic Club is one of the most noted amateur organizations of the country, and has brought out some of the best professional pugilists in the country.

Jim Corbett was developed here and became boxing instructor at the institution, as a means of making extra revenue while he was working in a San Francisco bank. Joe Chynski learned much of his ability at the bouts for professional pugilists fought before the organization, and many of the best-known fighters of the day, who hailed from the Western Coast, have also appeared in its arena.

The club has done everything it could to work up a good set of amateur boxers



SAM BERGER AND TRAINER VAN COURT.

Showing the Pacific Coast visitors at their work. Van Court is boxing instructor of the Olympic Club, and was sent here to handle Berger in the amateur tournament. George Finnigan will represent the club in the 165-pound class.

from among its members, and Sam Berger is the pride of their heavy-weight division. He was taught by Jim Corbett about four years ago, served as sparring partner for Jim while the latter was training for his fight with Jeffries, and is now here to compete in the Olympic Games.

Berger is a powerfully built young fellow, weighing 185 pounds when stripped. He has a long reach, is nicely proportioned and is exceedingly quick on his feet. Long

Although large and powerful in build and seemingly fully developed, Berger is but 20 years old. That the professional ring may be his ultimate destination is likely if he continues to win his bouts.

STICK TO AMATEURS.

Jim and Tom Corbett, Professor Van Court and those with whom he has worked in San Francisco have advised him to stick to the amateur game for a while yet. In the meantime Berger is going around the country, ready to enter any amateur tournament held under a U. S. license, and is getting considerable benefit from watching the big men fight in all the cities.

He was sent here by the Olympic Club, and is now working in St. Louis County with little George Finnigan. The latter, besides weighing but 165 pounds and being almost microscopic beside his larger companion, is the older of the pair.

Berger is essentially a hard puncher, besides possessing a hard punch. Finnigan seems to be a mixer, pure and simple, going in with both hands in the McGovern style. This method of fighting is something of a novelty among the amateurs.

Both boys expect to make a good showing in their battles of next month, and may later appear at an amateur tournament arranged by Bob Fennell, at the Business Men's Club.

AREL HERMANN BOUL.

Kim Albert and Arel Hermann will come together at the West End Club, the pair being scheduled to fight fifteen rounds at 125 pounds. The winner will probably be matched to battle Jack McCloud.

The affair should be of interest, inasmuch as Albert's specialty is slugging, it seems as if his opponent would not be afraid to work rather than by any other variety of hitting. Hermann seems to have the edge in the matter of battle.

What should be of even greater interest, however, is the prospective battle between Brooklyn, Tommy Sullivan and Abe. They are engaged to go twenty rounds some time in October before the West End Club, and this fight should be one of the best witnessed here in many months.

Sullivan is certainly the man most capable of giving a strong argument to Apple, and although the Chicago contingent will probably make Abe the favorite, it seems as if Tommy had a first-class chance to knock his man out. This is easily the best fight in prospect at the institution for the fall season.

RANDALL WILL BE BUSY.

Edwin Randall, the local boy, who is coming to the front with his left hand, will have his hands full for the next few weeks if he is to make good. He has been authorized by an out-of-the-city club to secure Andy Dale of Brooklyn for a fifteen-round bout with Randall. Steps to this end are now well under way, the managers of both men having practically agreed on all the details of the match.

Doyle is particularly anxious to get a match with Dale for the reason, he says, that Doyle is well known here and is well thought of by the sporting people. Doyle has made repeated overtures to Johnny Randall, who has been steadily refused, and a standing offer from Mike Walsh of the North Side Athletic Club to put on the bout any time he desires.

Bob Douglas has also been hot after the match, but he has been steadily refused to bind himself in any way to fight the local boy.

A match with Dale is arranged and Randall beats him, fight followers of St. Louis will then believe Eddie is what he is represented to be.

Randall will be asked to meet three men in three different States within the next month.

If he wins all these bouts, then he will be sent after the topnotchers like Abe Attell and Frankie Neil.

Thomas J. Hicks, who won the twenty-four-mile Olympic Marathon race last Tuesday, was born in Birmingham, England, about twenty-eight years ago. He came to the United States at the age of 14 years and has lived in Cambridge, Mass., for the last several years.

He has been in athletics only three years and has done nothing but distance runs. The Olympic Marathon was the fifth of the classic events in which he has started.

Hicks is 5 feet 11 inches high and weighs on an average 135 pounds. After the race Tuesday he weighed only 123 pounds, having lost 12 pounds from the day's run.

In 1901, in Boston, he tried in his first Marathon race, but finished last. The next year he came to the same position, but had improved a little, as he made the run in faster time.

The next race in which he started was made a bad knee and after leading the first 100 miles he fell back, and at about the eighteenth mile was compelled to retire.

In the Boston Marathon held Wednesday he finished second to Mike Spring of New York, who also started in the Olympic Marathon, but was compelled to retire after about a few miles.

Hicks has not competed in any event but a long-distance run, and his sole ambition was to win a Marathon, and for this purpose he came to St. Louis.

I had practiced for the St. Louis event for about eight weeks, but upon another ground than upon which the Olympic event was run. This was the cause of my weakness at the end of the race. I never tried the full distance in practice, the farthest distance being about twenty miles. This distance I covered in fairly good time, and I relied upon my last ten miles to win the event, as in my past performance I was always strongest at the last five miles.

SLOW IN THE TRAIL.
The part of the race Tuesday was about the same that I always take and this being slow but a sure trial the run seems to have been the cause of my weakness at the end of the race. I was two miles in the lead, one of the runners being this distance ahead of me.

Although I could have taken occasional rests after being about five miles from the finish, I had no intention to hold out as I knew if I should get down I might not be able to start out again. Several times I walked, but this worried me more than anything else and I started jogging along again.

When I walked I thought that this was a good sign that I was about to quit and I am convinced that the people along the road were thinking the same way, and this caused me to move along faster. Then again I thought of coming all the way from Massachusetts for nothing but to run in and quit. Should I go home empty-handed? What a funny sensation that would cause. This was one of the questions that worried me a great deal.

A person can hardly imagine of all the things that go through a runner's head when he is all but out. The fact of being tired and feeling a great deal of pain, but then I would feel tired and could not myself running in with the "also rans."

This was another of the unpleasant dreams that I had along the route. I also thought of many things that my Sunday-school teacher told me not to do, and all these came to a Marathon runner.

I was handicapped greatly by the poor condition of my feet. They have been bothering me for the last three months, and when I finished my run one of the first things I did was to bandage them up. I was used to running on smooth roads at home, being informed that the St. Louis course was such, and then when I started over the country roads and the country roads with their rough runs to cut up one's feet, mine were in worse condition than before.

For two days after the race, Hicks walked about with a limp. He slept about three hours the night of the run and did not complain of being as tired as he was hungry and stated that he felt "O. K." after he had eaten a good meal.

The Cambridge runner will now probably retire from the athletic world, as he said that he had reached his ambition, to win a Marathon race.

"I always wanted to win one of those Marathon cups, and now that I have one I will give up running and let others have a chance."

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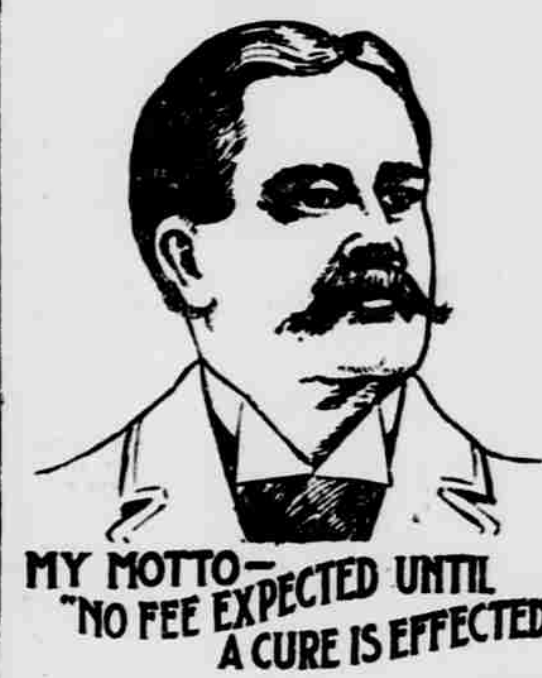
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